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38 Union Square, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

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AGENDA FOR RESIST BOARD MEETING

Frank Brodhead
Pam Chamberlain
Bell Chevigny
Noam Chomsky
Amanda Claiborne
Kate Cloud
Margery Davies
Norm Fruchter
Mitchell Goodman
Kenneth Hale
Hilde Hein
Florence Howe
Frank Joyce
Louis Kampf
Hans Koning
Paul Lauter
Beatriz Manz
Richard Ohmann
Wayne O'Neil
Carlos Otero
Grace Paley
Henry Rosemont
Meredith Smith
Amy Swerdlow
Ken Tangvik
George Vickers

NEXT RESIST BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 8, 1984 at WAYNE O'NEIL'S:
31 BOURNSIDE ST, DORCHESTER, MA at 11 AM. **PHONE** ## 617-288-1017

****New Board Members:** Some progress is being made in acquiring new board members although none so far are women of color. Louis has approached Tess Ewing a Boston labor activist and Ken has contacted a latin American activist who is also interested. More names have come up and we should continue our discussion at the meeting. In the meantime we're still waiting to hear from the rest of you. Let's get the ball rolling!

****Office Report:** The revised brochure is at the printer (finally). We decided to print 50,000 copies since it will save us several pennies per brochure and we plan to mail all of these by the beginning of the summer if all goes as planned. Despite the overall cost of mailing this many pieces, some bills have been paid in advance and we should still have about \$5,000 to give at this meeting. Remember when reading over the grant proposals that our maximum grant is now \$600.

****Proxys forms** are enclosed for all of you who can't make it to Boston board meetings. We want to hear from you. Please take a couple of hours to read over the packet and let us know your opinions where these proposals are concerned.

*****GRANTS*****

Women/Feminist

1. Asian Sisters in Action (Boston area) - \$400 to help fund conference on Asian women and empowerment which will include workshops on dealing with racism Grassroots organizing, and "why be political."

Disarmament/Anti-Draft

2. Nonviolence Preparers Collective (Portland, OR) - \$600 to cover six months salary for staff person.

~~New York~~
3. ~~New York~~ Mobilization for Survival (NYC)- Seed money for a local Deadly Connections Campaign.

4. Weapons Facilities Conversion Network (Syracuse, NY) - \$300 to help fund outreach for conference on "Nonviolent Action in the Movement for Peace and Social Justice" to be held on April 6-8

5. Rocky Mountain Peace Center (Boulder, CO) - \$500 to help cover operational expenses.

6. Resource Center for Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) - \$500- 1,000 to fund tour of two activists from Yesh G'vul.

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7. Community Film (Ann Arbor, MI) - \$450 to hire a Negative Cutter for a film on draft registration

8. MCMC and the NLG (Chicago, IL) - \$400 to publicize availability of a manual titled "Fighting Back: Handling Lesbian and Gay Draft, Military and Veterans Cases."

9. South Orange Co. Draft Counseling Center (San Clemente, CA) - \$1,000 to help fund this draft counseling center.

Central America Solidarity

10. Casa El Salvador - Farabundo Marti (Boston) \$500 to help purchase a VHS player

11. Alianza Latina Americana (SF, CA) - Any amount to help purchase office and computer equipment.

12. Campus Action (Richmond, CA) - \$500 toward six-months budget.

13. Friends of Nicaraguan Culture (SF, CA) - \$500 to help cover costs of printing a pamphlet on the press in ~~IN~~ Nicaragua. This was postponed from the last meeting.

14. US Out of Central America (NYC) - \$500 to cover the costs of obtaining simultaneous translation equipment for a May 1984 conference on US Foreign Policy.

15. CASA El Salvador - Farabundo Marti (NYC) Any amount to help fund two issues of the newsletter El Salvador's Link.

Labor

16. Tennessee COSH (Knoxville, TN) - \$500 for a slide/tape player. We recommended this group to the Ferry's for a grant for their booklet "A worker's Guide to Information Sources on Occupational Safety and Health" *a few years ago & they received \$1,000.*

17. The Fund for Labor Defense, Inc. (NYC) - Any amount to help toward \$15,000 needed for matching grant from the National Community Funds.

18. Southern California Unions for Jobs with Peace (LA, CA) - Different People and different project but related to the grant for the same group that we turned down at our last meeting. I decided to include it since I haven't checked them out enough ~~yet~~ to rule it out.

Middle East

19. Grassroots International (Cambridge, MA) - \$500-1,000 to help with campaign for Peace in Lebanon Week. Rumor has it that they just received a large grant from another source but haven't substantiated that yet.

20. Women for Women in Lebanon (Cambridge, MA) - \$610 for slide show on Arab women.

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Community Organizing

21. Community Voice (JRI) - \$500 to help put collective on firm financial footing.
22. Fund for Communtiy Progress (Providence, RI) - \$500 to pay for a two year audit so they can solicit pay roll deductions from state employees.
23. Peaslee Development Committee (Cincinnati, OH) - \$500 to organiz3 a fundraising drive aimed at purchasing a closed down school building in Over-the-Rhine in Cincinnati.

Student Organizing

24. Students' Alliance for our Future (Boston) - Any amount to help high School students hold a rally in Government Center in Boston.
25. Student/Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War (Northfield, MA) - \$500 to help this group move their national ~~office~~ office to Chicago.

Misc.

26. Law Office (Chicago) - To help cover costs incurred when compiling a report on the conditions in Marion Federal Prison.
27. Northland Poster Collective (Minneapolis, MN) - Seed Money to develop a national mail order distribution system for progressive posters and cards.
28. African People's Socialist party (Oakland, CA) - \$500 to coordinate a summer project aimed at developing self-reliance programs for the Black community of Oakland.

That's it for this time, we hope. Please remember to send in or phone in your proxies if you can't make it to the meeting. We are counting on you. See you April 8th.

Best from here,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meredith".

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MINUTES- Resist Meeting April 9, 1984

Present: Meredith, Pam, Wayne, Ken T. Proxies: Louie, Amanda

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* BOARD MEMBERS

At present we are making recommendations for two new board members:

Tess Ewing- Tess is president of the Boston School Bus Drivers Union, Local 8751, United Steel Workers of America. She has been a longtime activist working on womens, gay/lesbian, anti-war and tenants issues over the years. Louie, Pam, Meredith and Ken have interviewed her. (there is an extensive interview with her in the latest issue of Radical America)

Renee - is a Salvadoran activist who has been organizing in the U.S. since he went into exile two and a half years ago. He is a staff person at CASA Salvador Farabundo Marti's Boston chapter. We have received very good recommendation about him from trusted friends and Meredith, Pam and Ken have interviewed him and feel very positively. Louie and Wayne will try to meet with him soon. We plan to invite both of them to the next board meeting unless someone on the board has major objections, so if you have any hesitations or want more info, give the office a call.

The search for new board members will continue. We are still lacking for women of color, especially.

Wayne mentioned that he was unsure about an Asian prospective board member, Peter, because of several issues, including the fact that he is affiliated with a sectarian group. We decided that at the next board meeting, we'll discuss the whole issue of sectarian groups and what that means as we look for new board members, especially.

*OFFICE

Several mailings have just gone out including Radical America, Dollars and Sense and our own list. We have several more mailings planned for the spring and some major ones for the fall. Before the meeting we had about \$10,000 and we gave away about \$5000. Money, hopefully, will come rolling in over the next several weeks from the recent mailings.

GRANTS:

1. Asian Sisters in Action - Boston - we set aside \$200 contingent on some follow up information.
2. NY Mobe - \$450 for deadly connections conference
3. MCMC & NLG- Chicago - \$400 for manuel for lesbian and gay draft, military and vet cases.

4. CASA El Salvador - Boston- \$500 for VHS player
5. CASA El Salvador- NY, NY - \$500 ZZZ Money for publication of newsletter. (Resist has set aside \$400)
6. Tennessee COSH - \$500 for slide-tape player
7. S. Cal. Unions for JwP - L.A., CA - \$150 token for the good work they're doing with labor. They had a huge budget
8. Grassroots Int. - Cambridge, MA - \$500 for Peace in Lebanon Week.
9. Women for Women in Lebanon - Boston, MA - \$400 for slide show on Arab Women.
10. Community Voice - RI - \$300 for community newspaper ad campaign.
11. Fund for Community Progress- RI - \$400 for program to solicit funds from the payrolls of state employees
12. Peaslee Dev. Comm.- Cinn. OH - \$250 for fundraising campaign.
13. Student Alliance for Our Future - Boston - \$100 token for high school student rally organized by students.
14. Law Office -Chicago - \$100 token support for legal case for beaten prisoners
15. Northland Poster Collective- Minn., MN - They have a choice of a \$500 loan or a \$200 grant for mail order distribution system.
16. African People's Socialist Party - Oakland, CA - \$250 for self-help project.
17. Euromissile Campaign - Boston - \$200 for outreach efforts in community where a peace camp will be set up at a weapons maker company.

REJECTIONS:

1. Nonviolence Preparers Collective -WA- Seems like a one-man operation. Is non-violence preparation a priority for Resist? It depends on where and when and who.
2. Rocky Mountain Peace Center - San Clemente, CA - too respectable, they don't deal with the Middle East. Can get liberal money.
3. South Orange Co. Draft Con. Cntr - San Clemente, CA- seems like another one-man operation. Proposal was very vague.
4. U.S. out of C.A. -NY, NY - \$20,000 budget for another conference? Too big for Resist
5. The Fund for Labor Defense - NY, NY - too big. They're looking for \$15,000.

6. STOP - Northfield MA - Adults have taken over this student/teacher group . We told them we'll only consider student conceived and written proposals that come from the grassroots level.

7. Alianza Latin America - CA - They are an accounting firm, have received mainstream grants.

POSTPONEMENTS:

1. Weapons Facilities Conversion Network Syracuse, NY - will get more info about their outreach effort.

2. Resource Center for Non-Violence- CA - We won't pay travel expenses but will possibly pay for publicity of speaking engagements of Israeli military war resister.

3. Community Film - Ann Arbor - we'll try to get someone in NY to review this film in a couple of weeks.

4. Campus Action - Richmond, CA - need more info

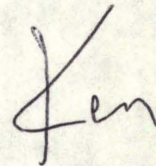
5. Friends of Nicaraguan Culture - SF, CA - seem like a good group but booklet on the press in Nicaragua is not a priority now. We'll look at other projects that they have in the future.

TOTAL GRANTS \$5,300 (\$400 set aside) and \$500 Z money.

LOANS: \$500 (tentative)

Next meeting is on May 20th somewhere in Boston.

From the Office,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name 'Ken' written in a stylized, cursive script.